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ADVISORY ACTION	100 14 1000 VINVI
☑ THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE:	APR 14 1999 13/12/27
a) 🛛 le extended to run or continues to run3 menths from the date of the	Docket by AZ
b) expires three months from the date of the final rejection or as of the mailing date of this Advisory Acti event however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of	
Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response the date on which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension and the calculated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as	ponse and the appropriate fee. prevented and also the date for the docket of the docke
Appellant's Brief is due in accordance with 37 CFR 1.192(a).	
Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed 3/22/99 has been considered with the following to place the application in condition for allowance:	ing effect, but it is not deemed
1. The proposed amendments to the claim and /or specification will not be entered and the final rejection	n stands because;
a. There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1,116(b) why the proposed amendment is necespresented.	ssary and was not earlier
b, They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See Note).	
c. They raise the issue of new matter. (See Note).	
d. They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing appeal.	or simplifying the issues for
e. They present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected cl	aims.
NOTE:	
 Newly proposed or amended claims would be allowed if submitted in a separate the non-allowable claims. 	ely filed amendment cancelling
3. I Upon the filing an appeal, the proposed amendment M will be entered will not be entered and be as follows:	the status of the claims will
Clains allowed:	
Claims objected to: Claims rejected: 1-6, 8-17, 19-34	
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However; Applicant's response has overcome the following rejection(s):	

4. The affidavit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does not overcome the provides to textures in at least fig 2 and c2, lines 55-66. Been	rejection because the loss that the
1 Inc affidavit, exhibit or reconsideration has been considered but poes not overcome the consideration as the consideration has been considered but the considered because applicant has not shown good and sufficent respectively.	asons why it was not earlier
☐ The proposed drawing correction ☐ has ☐ has not been approved by the examiner. ☐ Other	A Ambia Au
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